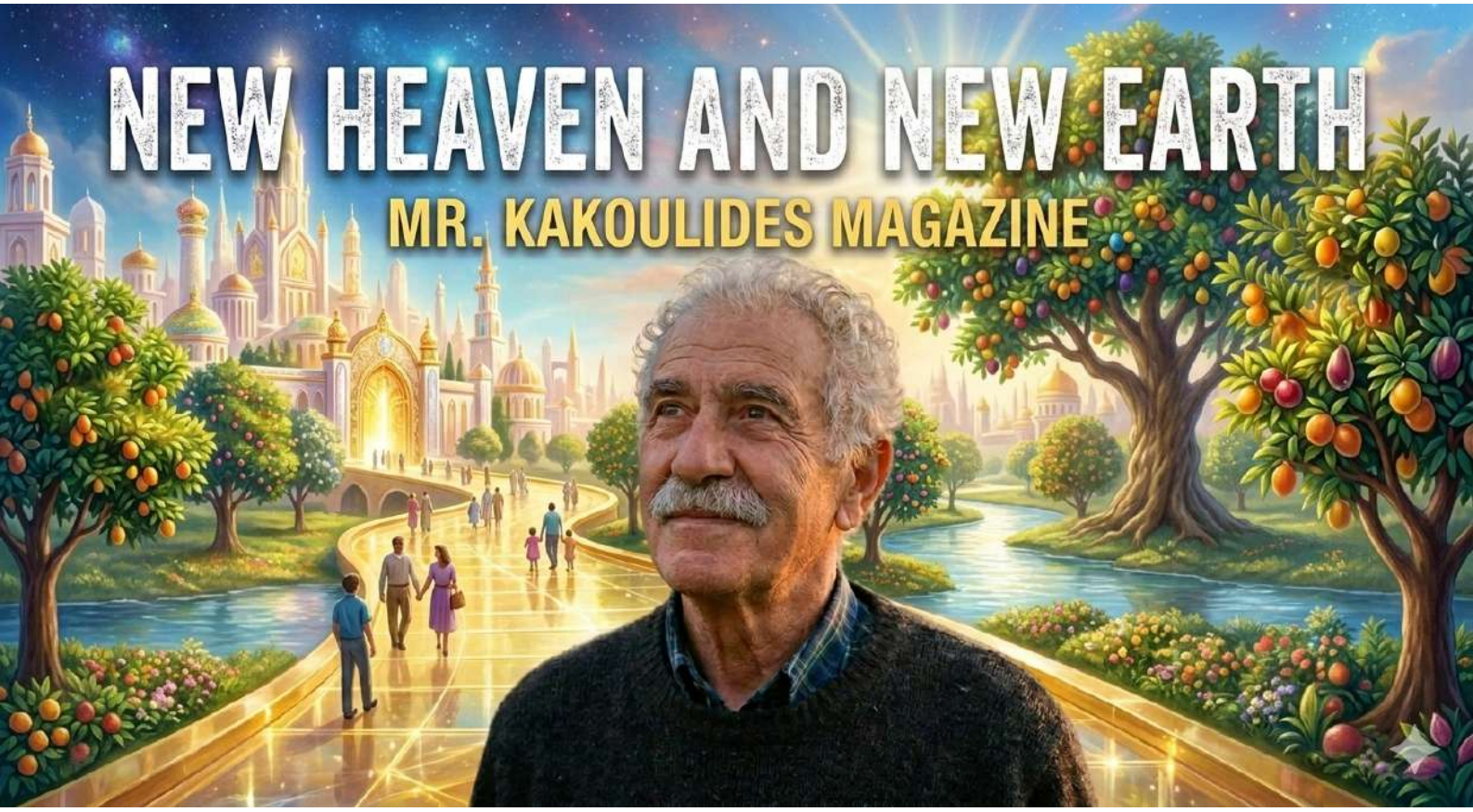
NEW HEAVEN AND NEW EARTH
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This essay will treat the Topic of the New Heavens and New Earth from mostly the Bible even though at times I will go to other sources outside the Bible .

First we will look at the Letters to the Seven Churches of Asia where Jesus makes some promises that has to do with the New Heavens and New Earth which we will compare with the Old & New Testament & then We will take a commentary Study on Revelation 20 & 21 Where This Topic will be examine in Great Length.

Part 1 What is Promises given to Us about the New Heavens & New Earth

1st Promise We are told That we will eat of the Tree of Life that is in the Midst of the Paradise of God.

(Revelation 2:7) .....To him who overcomes I will give to eat from the tree of life, which is in the midst of the Paradise of God."' (NKJV)

Adam & Eve was forbiden to eat of this tree or else they would live forever .

(Genesis 3:22-24) Then the LORD God said, "Behold, the man has become like one of Us, to know good and evil. And now, lest he put out his hand and take also of the tree of life, and eat, and live forever" - therefore the LORD God sent him out of the garden of Eden to till the ground from which he was taken. So He drove out the man; and He placed cherubim at the east of the garden of Eden, and a flaming sword which turned every way, to guard the way to the tree of life. (NKJV)

But here we are told in the Book of Revelation this tree would be in our access to eat from not just once but four times . Once in Revelation 2 and the other 3 times in chapters 22 in the following verses:

Re 22:2 in the midst of the street thereof. And on this side of the river and on that was the tree of life, bearing twelve manner of fruits, yielding its fruit every month: and the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations.

Re 22:14 Blessed are they that wash their robes, **that they may have the right to come to the tree of life,** and my enter in by the gates into the city.

Some Bibles for verse 19 will have Book of Life instead of Tree of Life like YLT, SRV18, KJV, MKJV, NKJV This is because Some translations are translated from differant Manuscripts one using one word the others using a differant word . These are the two differant words used depending on the translation you are reading from:

The First is from Novum Testamentum Graece, 26th Ed

The second is from the Scriverners Textus Receptus 1894

Re 22:19 and if any man shall take away from the words of the book of this prophecy, **God shall take away his part from the tree of life,** and out of the holy city, which are written in this book.
(ASV)

We are also told by these verses that this tree bares leaves that will bring healing to the Nations (Gentiles)

And in the Book of Isaiah we are told that the life of the elect (God's chosen people) in the New Heavens and New Earth will be like the life of a tree mostlikely the Tree of Life is in referance:

(Isaiah 65:22) .....For as the days of a tree, so shall be the days of My people, And My elect shall long enjoy the work of their hands. (NKJV)

2nd Promise We are told that the second Death will not effect us . That means we will not be victim of the Lake of Fire .

(Revelation 2:11) "He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. He who overcomes shall not be hurt by the second death."' (NKJV)

That does not mean that we will not be able to see the lake of fire and it's victims like Abraham and Lazrus saw the rich man who was burning in Hades.

(Luke 16:23-25) "And being in torments in Hades, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom. "Then he cried and said, 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus that he may dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am tormented in this flame.' "But Abraham said, 'Son, remember that in your lifetime you received your good things, and likewise Lazarus evil things; but now he is comforted and you are tormented. (NKJV)

We will be able to see them that did not recieve the love of the truth to be saved and they will be able to look up and see us from afar in glory.

(Isaiah 66:24) "And they shall go forth and look Upon the corpses of the men Who have transgressed against Me. For their worm does not die, And their fire is not quenched. They shall be an abhorrence to all flesh." (NKJV)

But we will be out of the enternal punishment and be into enternal life .

Life speaks about the quality of living and not the length for Both those in the Lake of fire and in Enternal Bliss live forever but thier Quality is not the same.

(Matthew 25:46) And these shall go away into eternal punishment: but the righteous into eternal life. (ASV)

And Right before the New Heavens and New Earth comes The Great White Throne Judgement which is called the second death which we are Promise not to be effected by it . In the second Promise.

Revelation 2:11..... shall not be hurt by the second death."'

(Revelation 20:11-15) Then I saw a great white throne and Him who sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away. And there was found no place for them. And I saw the dead, small and great, standing before God, and books were opened. And another book was opened, which is the Book of Life. And the dead were judged according to their works, by the things which were written in the books. The sea gave up the dead who were in it, and Death and Hades delivered up the dead who were in them. And they were judged, each one according to his works. Then Death and Hades were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death. And anyone not found written in the Book of Life was cast into the lake of fire. (NKJV)

(Revelation 21:8) ".....shall have their part in the lake which burns with fire and brimstone, which is the second death." (NKJV)

3rd Promise That we are given in referance to the New Heaven and New Earth is that we will be able to eat Manna.

(Revelation 2:17) .....To him who overcomes I will give some of the hidden manna to eat....(NKJV)

Manna is the food of the Angels. Which God fed Isreal for 40 years.

(Psalms 78:24-25) Had rained down manna on them to eat, And given them of the bread of heaven. Men ate angels' food; He sent them food to the full. (NKJV)

(Exodus 16:35) And the children of Israel ate manna forty years, until they came to an inhabited land; they ate manna until they came to the border of the land of Canaan. (NKJV)

It was Brownish in Color

(Numbers 11:7) Now the manna was like coriander seed, and its color like the color of bdellium. (NKJV)

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Bdellium

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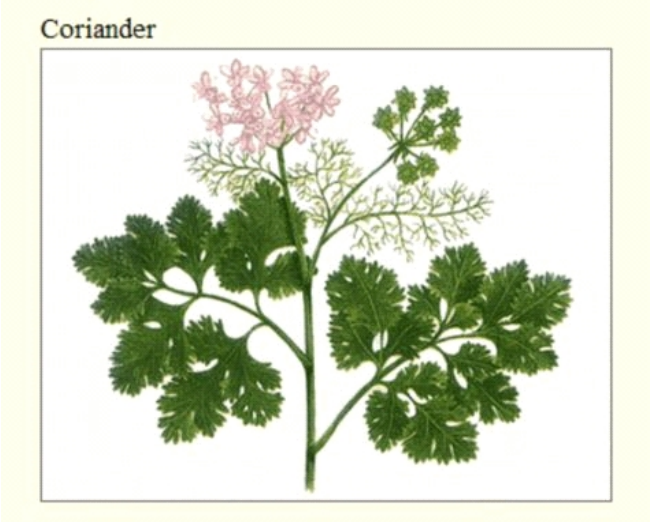
And it's Shape was like White coriander seed

(Exodus 16:31) And the house of Israel called its name Manna. And it was like white coriander seed, and the taste of it was like wafers made with honey. (NKJV)



4th Promise is a white Stone with a New Name given on it

(Revelation 2:17)..... And I will give him a white stone, and on the stone a new name written which no one knows except him who receives it."' (NKJV)

A Professor of Humanity in The University of Aberdeen named William Ramsay has the following to state about this white stone.

In his THE LETTERS TO THE

SEVEN CHURCHES OF ASIA ,1904 Ed By William Ramsay page 227 states {"The "white stone" was, doubtless, a tessera, and ought, strictly speaking, to be called by that name, but the word is not English and therefore is unsuitable. There is no English word which gives an adequate rendering, for the thing is not used among us, and therefore we have no name for it. It was a little cube or rectangular block of stone, ivory, or other substance, with words or symbols engraved on one or more faces. Such tesserae were used for a great variety of purposes. Here it is a sort of coupon or ticket bearing the name, but it is not to be given up: it is to remain secret, not to be shown to others, but to be kept as the private possession of the owner....Hence, such a translation as "ticket" or "coupon" would — apart from the modern associations —be unsuitable. A "ticket" is for a temporary purpose; this pebble is eternal..... "}

There is more things he said but do to space I will not qoute it.

One of the Early Church Father named Victorinus (Lived around 290 AD) in his commentary on Revelation said about this white stone and new name the following : {"the white gem is adoption to be the son of God; the new name written on the stone is "Christian.""} By Victorinus stating adoption to be the son of God he means that we will be God's children.

As Revelation states in (Revelation 21:7) He that overcometh shall inherit these things; and I will be his God, and he shall be my son. (ASV)

As Luke also states Luke 20:36 "nor can they die anymore, for they are equal to the angels and are sons of God, being sons of the resurrection.(NKJV)

I believe that the New Name is more than Christian since it states a new name which no one knows except him who receives it.

The Church already knew the name Christian by the time Revelation (written in 90AD) was begining to be written so if that was the case John would of mention that name as we see it is mention three times already in scripture Acts 11:26 ,26:28 ,1Pe 4:16 But he doesn't.

If we go to the Book of Isaiah , we are told there also that we are to receive a New Name

(Isaiah 65:15) You shall leave your name as a curse to My chosen; For the Lord GOD will slay you, And call His servants by another name; (NKJV)

Our Birth Names was given to us by our Parents and has a connection with this Age and this earth. And to show there rulership over us. In the Age which is to come all Things would become new Why Not our Names aswell.

(Revelation 21:5) Then He who sat on the throne said, "Behold, I make all things new." And He said to me, "Write, for these words are true and faithful." (NKJV)

In the Old Testment Naming something or someone means you have Power over them .

Adam named the Animals mostliking to show his rulership over them which he had.

(Genesis 2:20) So Adam gave names to all cattle, to the birds of the air, and to every beast of the field. ......(NKJV)

(Genesis 1:26) Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth." (NKJV)

He also named Eve for the same reason to show his headship.

(Genesis 3:20) And Adam called his wife's name Eve, because she was the mother of all living. (NKJV)

(Genesis 3:16) ......and thy desire shall be to thy husband, and he shall rule over thee. (ASV)

Pharaoh before he had Joseph work for him he changes Joseph name.

(Genesis 41:45) And Pharaoh called Joseph's name Zaphnath-Paaneah. And he gave him as a wife Asenath, the daughter of Poti-Pherah priest of On. So Joseph went out over all the land of Egypt. (NKJV)

When a King conquered a Land one of the first things he would do is to put a new King. The king he was to put he would change his name as to show his rulership over them .

(2 Chronicles 36:4) Then the king of Egypt made Jehoahaz's brother Eliakim king over Judah and Jerusalem, and changed his name to Jehoiakim. And Necho took Jehoahaz his brother and carried him off to Egypt. (NKJV)

A Name represents the Person . For example Enoch gave wittness of a great flood by naming his son the name Methuselah which means when he is died it will come and if one does the Math Methuselah dies in the same year as the flood.

(Genesis 5:21) Enoch lived sixty-five years, and begot Methuselah. (NKJV)

The Fallowing is the math with verses to prove Methuselah died on the same year as the Flood.
M is for Methuselah.
Methuselah lives 969 years according Gen5:25-26
M was a 187 when he had Lamech Gen5:25
M was a 369 when Lamech had Noah Gen 5:28

M was a 869 when Noah begat Shem Gen 5:32
M was a 969 when the Flood Came Gen 7:6

So I believe that we too will have New Names which Shows God's rulership over us and not our Parents or others.

5th Promise We are told we will rule with Jesus

(Revelation 2:26-27) "And he who overcomes, and keeps My works until the end, to him I will give power over the nations-- 'He shall rule them with a rod of iron; They shall be dashed to pieces like the potter's vessels' --as I also have received from My Father; (NKJV)

What Jesus himself recieved he gives and shares with us.

This Idea of The Church being rulers in the heavens was always in the mind of the early Churches.

Tertullian (145 AD -220 AD) in his Book On Idolatry chapter 18 {" But "both your birth and your substance are troublesome to you in resisting idolatry." For avoiding it, remedies cannot be lacking; since, even if they be lacking, there remains that one by which you will be made a happier magistrate, not in the earth, but in the heavens."}

This promise was first given to Jesus but Jesus gives it to us aswell .

(Psalms 2:7-9) "I will declare the decree: The LORD has said to Me, 'You are My Son, Today I have begotten You. Ask of Me, and I will give You The nations for Your inheritance, And the ends of the earth for Your possession. You shall break them with a rod of iron; You shall dash them to pieces like a potter's vessel.'" (NKJV)

This is not just speaking about the 1,000 year reign after the Tribulation but in the New Heavens and New Earth .

(Revelation 20:4) And I saw thrones, and they sat on them, and judgment was committed to them.....And they lived and reigned with Christ for a thousand years. (NKJV)

(Revelation 21:7) "He who overcomes shall inherit all things, and I will be his God and he shall be My son. (NKJV)

If we are to inherit all things we are to rule all things aswell.If it is yours , it is yours to rule .

6th Promise is we will be given the Morning Star this morning Star represents Jesus .

(Revelation 2:28) "and I will give him the morning star. (NKJV)

(Revelation 22:16) "I, Jesus, have sent My angel to testify to you these things in the churches. I am the Root and the Offspring of David, the Bright and Morning Star." (NKJV)

Jesus will serve us in the New Heavens and New Earth as we will serve him aswell.

(Luke 12:37) "Blessed are those servants whom the master, when he comes, will find watching. Assuredly, I say to you that he will gird himself and have them sit down to eat, and will come and serve them. (NKJV)

(Revelation 22:3) And there shall be no more curse, but the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it, and His servants shall serve Him. (NKJV)

A Picture to us is given John 13 when Jesus was washing his disciples feet.

(John 13:4-5) rose from supper and laid aside His garments, took a towel and girded Himself. After that, He poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet, and to wipe them with the towel with which He was girded. (NKJV)

7th Promise We will walk in White Garments which means Purity , Holiness , righteousness.

(Revelation 3:4) "You have a few names even in Sardis who have not defiled their garments; and they shall walk with Me in white, for they are worthy. (NKJV)

(Revelation 3:5) "He who overcomes shall be clothed in white garments,.....

Wesley (1703-1791)

John Wesley (1703-1791 AD)The founder of Methodism states in his Notes on the New Testament about what white means (They shall walk with me in white-in joy; in perfect holiness; in glory.)

(Revelation 19:8) And to her it was granted to be arrayed in fine linen, clean and bright, for the fine linen is the righteous acts of the saints. (NKJV)

(Revelation 19:14) And the armies in heaven, clothed in fine linen, white and clean, followed Him on white horses. (NKJV)

8th Promise Jesus will never change his mind about us but confess us among all.

(Revelation 3:5) .....and I will not blot out his name from the Book of Life; but I will confess his name before My Father and before His angels. (NKJV)

God does not have a piece of paper with an eraser and a pencil and every time you sin or leave the walk he erases your name and when you come back he puts you back in it . For he wrote the book of Life and knows first hand who is in it . He wrote this book before the foundation of the world.

(Ephesians 1:4) even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blemish before him in love: (ASV)

(Revelation 13:8) And all that dwell on the earth shall worship him (the Beast) , every one whose name hath not been written from the foundation of the world in the book of life of the Lamb that hath been slain. (ASV)

JOHN GILL

John Gill (1697-1771 AD)A Reform Baptist Pastor in his commentary states {"**But I will confess his name before my Father and before his angels**; which shows that Christ has an exact and perfect knowledge of all the chosen ones, he knows them by name; and that he has a strong and affectionate love for them, and is not ashamed of them, of their cause, of their persons, and of their relation to him; and that he does and will own, acknowledge, and approve of them, both here and hereafter: and the confession he will make of them will be in their praise; in praise of their persons and the comeliness of them, which he has put upon them; and of their graces, though they are his own; and of their good works as the fruits of grace: and this will be made before his Father, who chose these persons, and gave them to him to preserve and save; and before the angels, who rejoice at their salvation and happiness; and this will be at the last day;"}

The Book of life was first mention by the mouth of Moses and Moses states this book is already writen.

(Exodus 32:32-33) "Yet now, if You will forgive their sin-but if not, I pray, blot me out of Your book which You have written." And the LORD said to Moses, "Whoever has sinned against Me, I will blot him out of My book. (NKJV)

This book tells us who will be in this New Heavens and New Earth . So this promise is important for all who desire to be part of this New Heavens and New Earth . They would want to be confess by Jesus before all.

9th Promise Jesus Promise to make us a Pillar in the Temple of the New Heavens and New Earth. This is not talking about a Physical Temple because in the New Heavens and New Earth there is no Temple there except Jesus and his Father.

(Revelation 3:12) "He who overcomes, I will make him a pillar in the temple of My God, and he shall go out no more.....

Re 21:22 But I saw no temple in it, for the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are its temple.
(NKJV)

Pillar is to be taken as a leader, as James, Peter and John were Pillars of the Church which was in Jerusalem. They were leaders.

(Galatians 2:9) and when James, Cephas, and John, who seemed to be pillars, perceived the grace that had been given to me, they gave me and Barnabas the right hand of fellowship, that we should go to the Gentiles and they to the circumcised.(NKJV)

There is other kinds of Pillars which I doubt is in referance. One is a tall solid structure, which is usually used to support part of a building as we see in Solomon's Temple.

(1 Kings 7:21) Then he set up the pillars by the vestibule of the temple; he set up the pillar on the right and called its name Jachin, and he set up the pillar on the left and called its name Boaz. (NKJV)

A Other is a Pillar as we see with what happen to Lot's Wife. Which is like a statue .

Ge 19:26 But his wife looked back from behind him, and she became a pillar of salt.
(ASV)

So we will be leaders in the New Jerusalem. That is the best meaning of the passage . I doubt any one wants to be the other two .

10th Promise Jesus would have a New Name and it will be written on our foreheads.

(Revelation 3:12) ......And I will write on him the name of My God and the name of the city of My God, the New Jerusalem, which comes down out of heaven from My God. And I will write on him My new name. (NKJV)

(Revelation 22:4) They shall see His face, and His name shall be on their foreheads. (NKJV)

Notice that Revelation 3:12 tell us a new Name for Jerusalem which is the New Jerusalem that is taken from Isaiah which states:

(Isaiah 62:1-2) For Zion's sake I will not hold My peace, And for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, Until her righteousness goes forth as brightness, And her salvation as a lamp that burns. The Gentiles shall see your righteousness, And all kings your glory. You shall be called by a new name, Which the mouth of the LORD will name. (NKJV)

This Jerusalem is differant from the one that we see on tv. For it comes from Heaven and is also called our Mother.

(Revelation 21:2) Then I, John, saw the holy city, New Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. (NKJV)

(Galatians 4:26) but the Jerusalem above is free, which is the mother of us all. (NKJV)

About this one we will be studing a little more about it when we start studing Revelation 21 & 22 in a bit.

11th Promise We are told we will sit on Jesus' throne :

(Revelation 3:21) "To him who overcomes I will grant to sit with Me on My throne, as I also overcame and sat down with My Father on His throne. (NKJV)

This was the desire of John and James who had thier mother ask Jesus that if her sons could sit with Jesus by his right & Left side when he rules forever .But They was not given a yes or No but a rebuke.

(Matthew 20:20-23) Then the mother of Zebedee's sons came to Him with her sons, kneeling down and asking something from Him. And He said to her, "What do you wish?" She said to Him, "Grant that these two sons of mine may sit, one on Your right hand and the other on the left, in Your kingdom." But Jesus answered and said, "You do not know what you ask. Are you able to drink the cup that I am about to drink, and be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?" They said to Him, "We are able." So He said to them, "You will indeed drink My cup, and be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with; but to sit on My right hand and on My left is not Mine to give, but it is for those for whom it is prepared by My Father." (NKJV)

But The Father will grant it to the whole church.
What John Desire when he was young he found out in a old age that it would not just be for him and his brother James or only the Apostles but for the whole church .

Part 2 How Does the Bible Discribe the New Heavens and New Earth . Study on Revelation 21 to 22:6

A Early church Father named Papias who is said to have known the Apostle John states the following in his fourth fragment :

{"“The days will come in which vines shall grow, having each ten thousand branches, and in each branch ten thousand twigs, and in each true twig ten thousand shoots, and in every one of the shoots ten thousand clusters, and on every one of the clusters ten thousand grapes, and every grape when pressed will give twenty-five metretes of wine. And when any one of the saints shall lay hold of a cluster, another shall cry out, ‘I am a
better cluster, take me; bless the Lord through me.’ In like manner, [He said] that a grain of wheat would produce ten thousand ears, and that every ear would have ten thousand grains, and every grain would yield ten pounds of clear, pure, fine flour; and that apples, and seeds, and grass would produce in similar proportions; and that all animals, feeding then only on the productions of the earth, would become peaceable and harmonious, and be in perfect subjection to man.”"}

This statement by Papias reminds me of what Isaiah states about the animals being in peace with each others in the New Heavens and New Earth

(Isaiah 11:5-9) Righteousness shall be the belt of His (Jesus) loins, And faithfulness the belt of His (Jesus) waist. "The wolf also shall dwell with the lamb, The leopard shall lie down with the young goat, The calf and the young lion and the fatling together; And a little child shall lead them. The cow and the bear shall graze; Their young ones shall lie down together; And the lion shall eat straw like the ox. The nursing child shall play by the cobra's hole, And the weaned child shall put his hand in the viper's den. They shall not hurt nor destroy in all My holy mountain, For the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the LORD As the waters cover the sea. (NKJV)

(Isaiah 65:25) The wolf and the lamb shall feed together, The lion shall eat straw like the ox, And dust shall be the serpent's food. They shall not hurt nor destroy in all My holy mountain," Says the LORD. (NKJV)

Before we Begin with the first Verse of Chapter 21 of Revelation Lets talk about how our Bodies would be in the New Heavens and New Earth .

We would have glorified Bodies like unto Jesus Christ himself .

(Philippians 3:21) who will transform our lowly body that it may be

conformed to His glorious body, according to the working by which He is able even to subdue all things to Himself. (NKJV)

(1 John 3:1-2) Behold what manner of love the Father has bestowed on us, that we should be called children of God! Therefore the world does not know us, because it did not know Him. Beloved, now we are children of God; and it has not yet been revealed what we shall be, but we know that when He is revealed, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is. (NKJV)

With these New Bodies we will not be able to get sick and sin against our Lord or die.

Jesus with his glorified body was able to eat , speak, touch ,& think.

(John 20:27) Then He said to Thomas, "Reach your finger here, and look at My hands; and reach your hand here, and put it into My side. Do not be unbelieving, but believing." (NKJV)

(Luke 24:38-43) And He said to them, "Why are you troubled? And why do doubts arise in your hearts? "Behold My hands and My feet, that it is I Myself. Handle Me and see, for a spirit does not have flesh and bones as you see I have." When He had said this, He showed them His hands and His feet. But while they still did not believe for joy, and marveled, He said to them, "Have you any food here?" So they gave Him a piece of a broiled fish and some honeycomb. And He took it and ate in their presence. (NKJV)

And So we would be able to touch and taste and use our senses to enjoy the New Heavens and New Earth.

In this New Heavens and New Earth there would be no need for Marrage.

(Matthew 22:30) "For in the resurrection they neither marry nor are given in marriage, but are like angels of God in heaven. (NKJV)

The Angels will be serving us in The New Heavens and New Earth.

(Hebrews 1:14) Are they not all ministering spirits sent forth to minister for those who will inherit salvation? (NKJV)

(1 Corinthians 6:3) Do you not know that we shall judge angels? How much more, things that pertain to this life? (NKJV)

In 1 Corinthians the word Judge means to rule just like in Matthew 19.

(Matthew 19:27-28) Then Peter answered and said to Him, "See, we have left all and followed You. Therefore what shall we have?" So Jesus said to them, "Assuredly I say to you, that in the regeneration, when the Son of Man sits on the throne of His glory, you who have followed Me will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. (NKJV)

Now with This cleared up lets go to Revelation 21:1

(Revelation 21:1) Now I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away. Also there was no more sea. (NKJV)

Notice that here we read that the **First** heaven and **First** earth is passed away this passage disproves the Gap Theory Which calls this heaven and earth the second and not the first. This verse also shows us that The Heavens and earth that we know now will in the future cease from being. As Peter clearly states

(2 Peter 3:10-13) But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night, in which the heavens will pass away with a great noise, and the elements will melt with fervent heat; both the earth and the works that are in it will be burned up. Therefore, since all these things will be dissolved, what manner of persons ought you to be in holy conduct and godliness, looking for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be dissolved, being on fire, and the elements will melt with fervent heat? Nevertheless we, according to His promise, look for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells. (NKJV)

We also read that there was no more sea:

(Revelation 21:1.... Also there was no more sea.(NKJV)

The Sea here mention I believe to be the sea of Glass.

Re 4:6 Before the throne there was **a sea of glass**, like crystal. And in the midst of the throne, and around the throne, were four living creatures full of eyes in front and in back.

Re 15:2 And I saw something like a **sea of glass** mingled with fire, and those who have the victory over the beast, over his image and over his mark and over the number of his name, standing on the sea of glass, having harps of God.
(NKJV)

But some have thought also that it is in referance to the sea since the whole sea was destroyed in the Tribulation .

(Revelation 8:8-9) Then the second angel sounded: And something like a great mountain burning with fire was thrown into the sea, and a third of the sea became blood. And a third of the living creatures in the sea died, and a third of the ships were destroyed. (NKJV)

Re 16:3 Then the second angel poured out his bowl on the sea, and it became blood as of a dead man; and every living creature in the sea died.

The Problem with this theory is that it takes for granted what the Bible mentions about the End of this present Earth and Heaven and a New one that will take its place.

(Isaiah 65:17) "For behold, I create new heavens and a new earth; And the former shall not be remembered or come to mind. (NKJV)

(Isaiah 66:22) "For as the new heavens and the new earth Which I will make shall remain before Me," says the LORD, "So shall your descendants and your name remain. (NKJV)

Many Commentaries would state that Revelation 20:11 is the time when the end of the present earth and heaven would happen . And I would whole heartly agree with them .

(Revelation 20:11) Then I saw a great white throne and Him who sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away. And there was found no place for them. (NKJV)

The Reason the sea would be nomore is because God would put our sins in the depths of the sea then destroy the sea with the earth as to not to remember it no more.

(Micah 7:19-20) He will again have compassion on us, And will subdue our iniquities. You will cast all our sins Into the depths of the sea. You will give truth to Jacob And mercy to Abraham, Which You have sworn to our fathers From days of old. (NKJV)

Though our sins are atone for by the Blood of Jesus yet they need to be destroyed .

(Revelation 21:2) Then I, John, saw the holy city, New Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. (NKJV)

Some would say that the bride of Christ is the New Jerusalem and not the church due to this verse . But to say this is like saying you are a body without a spirit , soul ,vains, blood and no internal organs . For the People of any city makes up the city as much as the Houses , bluidings and streets . Without the people there is no city .

Without the church there is no Jerusalem for it is there that God would dwell with his church .

And the church is called the Bride of Christ in other places.

(2 Corinthians 11:2) For I am jealous for you with godly jealousy. For I have betrothed you to one husband, that I may present you as a chaste virgin to Christ. (NKJV)

(Ephesians 5:31-32) "For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh." This is a great mystery, but I speak concerning Christ and the church. (NKJV)

There is not two Brides of Christ but one just like there is only one husband . So there is only one bride. Isreal of the Old Testament , the

church and the New Jerusalem is one and the same. The Bride .

we were grafted in

(Romans 11:24) **For if you were cut out of the olive tree which is wild by nature, and were grafted** contrary to nature into a cultivated olive tree, how much more will these, who are natural branches, be grafted into their own olive tree? (NKJV)

And the Jews who are Nonebelievers in the time of the coming of the Messaih will be believers

(Zechariah 12:10-11) "And I will pour on the house of David and on the inhabitants of Jerusalem the Spirit of grace and supplication; then they will look on Me whom they pierced. Yes, they will mourn for Him as one mourns for his only son, and grieve for Him as one grieves for a firstborn. "In that day there shall be a great mourning in Jerusalem, like the mourning at Hadad Rimmon in the plain of Megiddo. (NKJV)

We share in the promises with the Isreal of Old

(Ephesians 2:11-16) Therefore remember that you, once Gentiles in the flesh--who are called Uncircumcision by what is called the Circumcision made in the flesh by hands-- that at that time you were without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. For He Himself is our peace, **who has made both one, and has broken down the middle wall of separation,** having abolished in His flesh the enmity, that is, the law of commandments contained in ordinances, so as to create in Himself one new man from the two, thus making peace, **and that He might reconcile them both to God in one body through the cross**, thereby putting to death the enmity. (NKJV)

Due to space and time I would jump to the next Verse.

(Revelation 21:3) And I heard a loud voice from heaven saying, "Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and He will dwell with them, and they shall be His people. God Himself will be with them and be their God. (NKJV)

God the Father and God the Son will dwell with Man. When Jesus came in flesh and blood we are told in John .

(John 1:14) And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us...

That word dwelt in the greek is σκηνόω (skēnoō) 'to dwell' (G4637) to live, dwell; to spread a tent ,tabernacled as other english translations states

(John 1:14) And the Word became flesh, and tabernacled among us.....(MKJV)

Jesus' Body while on earth was for a time a tabernacle not just for the

Son but for the Father and the Holy Spirit who dwelt in him and did thier work threw him.

2Co 5:19 that is, **that God was in Christ.....**

(John 14:10-11) **.....but the Father who dwells in Me does the works.** .....the Father in Me... (NKJV).

(Mark 1:10) And immediately, coming up from the water, He saw the heavens parting and **the Spirit descending upon Him** like a dove. (NKJV)

I am not saying that the Father left Heaven or that the Holy Spirit left heaven For they were in heaven .But They were also in earth in the body of Jesus Christ .

Father is in Heaven

(Matthew 6:9) "In this manner, therefore, pray: Our Father in heaven, Hallowed be Your name. (NKJV)

The Holy Spirit came down from Heaven

(Acts 2:2**) And suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a rushing mighty wind (Spirit),** and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. (NKJV)

But also Jesus while on earth was also in heaven .

(John 3:13) "No one has ascended to heaven but He who came down from heaven, that is, the Son of Man who is in heaven. (NKJV)

In the Body of Jesus we see the 3 in one God in Action .Even when he spoke one could see there was the three.

(John 3:11) "Most assuredly, I say to you, **We** speak what **We** know and testify what **We** have seen, and you do not receive **Our** witness. (NKJV)

As He spoke before he created man.

(Genesis 1:26) Then God said, **"Let Us** make man in **Our** image, according to **Our** likeness....(NKJV)

Don't be to surpize by this teaching for the scripture tells us that the Three in one God would also dwell in Us .

Holy Spirit will dwell in us and he is in us this has happen already .

(John 14:16) "And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever-- (NKJV)

The Father & the Son will also dwell in Us

Jesus replied: If anyone loves me, they will obey me. Then my Father will love them, and we will come to them and live in them.

(John 14:23 CEV)

This has not happen yet but it is our hope.

Col 1:27 To them God willed to make known what are the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles: **which is Christ in you, the hope of glory.**
(NKJV)

(Romans 8:24-25) For we were saved in this hope, **but hope that is seen is not hope; for why does one still hope for what he sees? But if we hope for what we do not see, we eagerly wait for it with perseverance.** (NKJV)

But here in Revelation we see God dwelling with his people not just for 33 years and a half as he did 2,000 years ago but like he promised in the Old Testament that he would forever .

(Ezekiel 43:7) And He said to me, "Son of man, this is the place of My throne and the place of the soles of My feet, where I will dwell in the midst of the children of Israel forever..... (NKJV)

The Next Verse we read

(Revelation 21:4) "And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes; there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying. There shall be no more pain, for the former things have passed away." (NKJV)

Death is the last enemy that would be destoyed by Christ.

(1 Corinthians 15:26) The last enemy that will be destroyed is death. (NKJV)

Here in the New Heavens and New Earth death is already destoryed. Death came about because of Sin .

(Genesis 2:17) "but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die." (NKJV)

Now it is no more . God is said to wipe away every tear from our eyes and destroy death in Isaiah

(Isaiah 25:8) He will swallow up death forever, And the Lord GOD will wipe away tears from all faces; The rebuke of His people He will take away from all the earth; For the LORD has spoken. (NKJV)

There will be no weeping there. Some might say If my mother ,brother ,son , daughter, wife, husband or sister is in the lake of fire how will I not but weep . This fallen flesh weeps for those who are nearest to it here on earth. But in the New Heavens and New Earth we will be so intune with the will of God that we could rejoyce even if our nearest loved ones is

in hell because God has Judged rightly. God's will will be given its proper place.

Lets skip to verse 7 of Revelation 21

(Revelation 21:7) "He who overcomes shall inherit all things, and I will be his God and he shall be My son. (NKJV)

Here we are not adopted but we are real sons and daughters of God having a new Nature will make us as sons and daughters of God as the angels are called sons of God or Adam is called the son of God.

(Luke 3:38) ....the son of Adam, the son of God. (NKJV)

Lu 20:36 "nor can they die anymore, for they are equal to the angels and are sons of God, being sons of the resurrection.
(NKJV)

Lets skip to verses 9-10

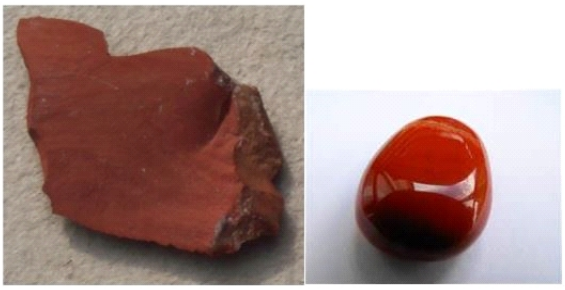
(Revelation 21:9-10) Then one of the seven angels who had the seven bowls filled with the seven last plagues came to me and talked with me, saying, "Come, I will show you the bride, the Lamb's wife." And he carried me away in the Spirit to a great and high mountain, and showed me the great city, the holy Jerusalem, descending out of heaven from God, (NKJV)

Again we are told about the New Jerusalem descending out of Heaven and called the Bride of Christ . This was explain in verse 2 so I will go to the next Passage.

(Revelation 21:11) having the glory of God. Her light was like a most precious stone, like a jasper stone, clear as crystal. (NKJV)

Here the New Jerusalem is described as a Jasper

Jasper



Next Verse

(Revelation 21:12-13) Also she had a great and high wall with twelve gates, and twelve angels at the gates, and names written on them, which

are the names of the twelve tribes of the children of Israel: three gates on the east, three gates on the north, three gates on the south, and three gates on the west. (NKJV)

Here we are told of New Jerusalem High walls and her twelve angels and that Gates of this city has the name of the twelve tribes of Isreal . Ezekiel states

(Ezekiel 48:31-34) '(the gates of the city shall be named after the tribes of Israel), the three gates northward: one gate for Reuben, one gate for Judah, and one gate for Levi; "on the east side, four thousand five hundred cubits, three gates: one gate for Joseph, one gate for Benjamin, and one gate for Dan; "on the south side, measuring four thousand five hundred cubits, three gates: one gate for Simeon, one gate for Issachar, and one gate for Zebulun; "on the west side, four thousand five hundred cubits with their three gates: one gate for Gad, one gate for Asher, and one gate for Naphtali. (NKJV)

Next Verse

(Revelation 21:14) Now the wall of the city had twelve foundations, and on them were the names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb. (NKJV)

You might ask who is the foundation is it Jesus or the Apostles and the Answer is Jesus . For who did the Apostle preach about but Jesus .

(Acts 1:8....and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth." (NKJV)

Them being the foundation makes Jesus the foundation .

(Ephesians 2:20) having been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief cornerstone, (NKJV)

(1 Corinthians 3:11) For no other foundation can anyone lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ. (NKJV)

The Name of the Apostles are the following :

(Matthew 10:1-4) And when He had called His twelve disciples to Him, He gave them power over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal all kinds of sickness and all kinds of disease. Now the names of the twelve apostles are these: first, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother; James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother; Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James the son of Alphaeus, and Lebbaeus, whose surname was Thaddaeus; Simon the Canaanite, and Judas Iscariot, who also betrayed Him. (NKJV)

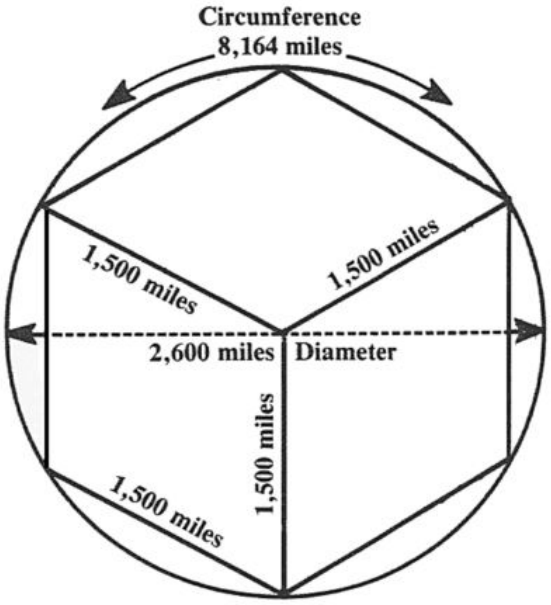
And Lets not forget that Judas was replace by Matthias

(Acts 1:26) And they cast their lots, and the lot fell on Matthias. And he was numbered with the eleven apostles. (NKJV)

Next Verse states

(Revelation 21:15-16) And he who talked with me had a gold reed to measure the city, its gates, and its wall. The city is laid out as a square; its length is as great as its breadth. And he measured the city with the reed: twelve thousand furlongs. Its length, breadth, and height are equal. (NKJV)

I Think this Picture explains it better than I can.



Here we see a square. The city is a Perfect Box or a square. It reminds me of the Ark of the Testament . Only more equel. Which means more better . The Testament God has in the New Testament is more better than the Old .With Better Promises. Here God dwells not in a Box but in a city with his people .

Next Verse

(Revelation 21:17) Then he measured its wall: one hundred and forty-four cubits, according to the measure of a man, that is, of an angel. (NKJV)

A Cubit is 18 inches so the wall of that city is 216 feet high 21 or 22 floors high if we were speaking of a Bluilding .

Next Verse

(Revelation 21:18) The construction of its wall was of jasper; and the city was pure gold, like clear glass. (NKJV)

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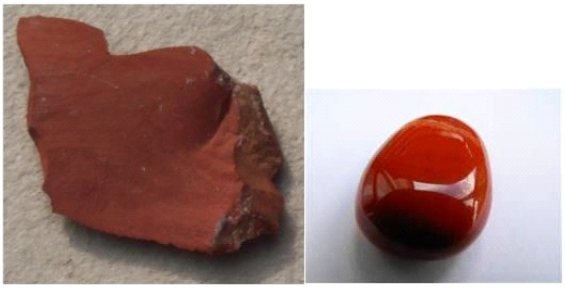

And city of Pure Gold

Gold

Next Verse states

(Revelation 21:19) The foundations of the wall of the city were adorned with all kinds of precious stones: the first foundation was jasper, the second sapphire, the third chalcedony, the fourth emerald, (NKJV)

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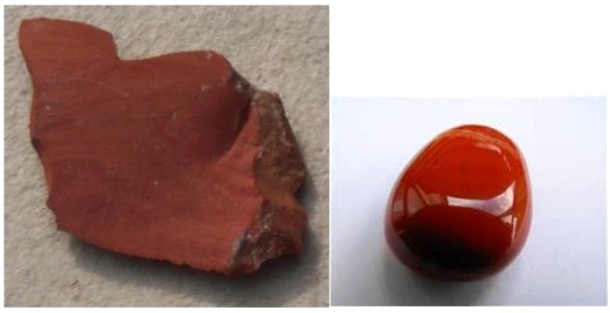

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Next Verse

(Revelation 21:20) the fifth sardonyx, the sixth sardius, the seventh chrysolite, the eighth beryl, the ninth topaz, the tenth chrysoprase, the eleventh jacinth, and the twelfth amethyst. (NKJV)

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chrysolite
chrysolite
n : a brown or yellow-green olivine found in igneous and
metamorphic rocks and used as a gemstone

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Next Verse states

(Revelation 21:21) The twelve gates were twelve pearls: each individual gate was of one pearl. And the street of the city was pure gold, like transparent glass. (NKJV)

Notice that the street is of Gold and no mention is made of the sea of Glass so this New Jerusalem is not like the hyme that is sang in most of our churches with a sea of glass . The Sea of glass is no more.

Next Verse

(Revelation 21:22) But I saw no temple in it, for the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are its temple. (NKJV)

There is no need of a temple when Jesus with his Father dwells with man . Jesus is the Temple just as he told the Jews .

(John 2:19) Jesus answered and said to them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." (NKJV)

(John 2:21) But He was speaking of the temple of His body. (NKJV)

Next Verse

(Revelation 21:23) The city had no need of the sun or of the moon to shine in it, for the glory of God illuminated it. The Lamb is its light. (NKJV)

Every thing that is spoken about the Father is spoken about the Son. The Son and Father are its Temple , The Son and the Father are its Light. The Son and the Father shall rule there.

(Revelation 22:3) ....the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be therein: and his servants shall serve him; (ASV)

Jesus rulership doesn't end when he puts all under his feet.

(1 Corinthians 15:28) Now when all things are made subject to Him, then the Son Himself will also be subject to Him who put all things under Him, that God may be all in all. (NKJV)

(Daniel 7:13-14) "I was watching in the night visions, And behold, One like the Son of Man, Coming with the clouds of heaven! He came to the Ancient of Days, And they brought Him near before Him. Then to Him was given dominion and glory and a kingdom, That all peoples, nations, and languages should serve Him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion, Which shall not pass away, And His kingdom the one Which shall not be destroyed. (NKJV)

But Jesus will still rule after the 1,000 year reign only now within the Godhead.

Jesus is still Worshiped and adored in this place .

Next Passage states

(Revelation 21:24-26) And the nations of those who are saved shall walk in its light, and the kings of the earth bring their glory and honor into it. Its gates shall not be shut at all by day (there shall be no night there). And they shall bring the glory and the honor of the nations into it. (NKJV)

Who are the Kings that will bring there glory and honor into it , we are .

(Daniel 7:18) 'But the saints of the Most High shall receive the kingdom, and possess the kingdom forever, even forever and ever.' (NKJV)

(Daniel 7:27) Then the kingdom and dominion, And the greatness of the kingdoms under the whole heaven, Shall be given to the people, the saints of the Most High. His kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, And all dominions shall serve and obey Him.' (NKJV)

As we saw before in the First Part that we will rule with Christ and Not Just rule but bring glory into it. God's glory will be shared with his people .

(Colossians 3:4) When Christ who is our life appears, then you also will appear with Him in glory. (NKJV)

(1 Corinthians 15:42-43) So also is the resurrection of the dead. The body is sown in corruption, it is raised in incorruption. It is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness, it is raised in power. (NKJV)

What amazing glory will be brong by the People of God.

We who are the Kings.

(2 Timothy 2:12)..... We shall also reign with Him. .....(NKJV)

(Isaiah 60:11) Therefore your gates shall be open continually; They shall not be shut day or night, That men may bring to you the wealth of the Gentiles, And their kings in procession. (NKJV)

What is the wealth of the Gentiles but the glory of Christ in us and among us .

What amazing light that shall be .As Isaiah also says

(Isaiah 60:20) Your sun shall no longer go down, Nor shall your moon withdraw itself; For the LORD will be your everlasting light, And the days of your mourning shall be ended. (NKJV)

We are almost done six more verse which we talk briefly .

(Revelation 22:1-6) And he showed me a river of water of life, bright as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God and of the Lamb, in the midst of the street thereof. And on this side of the river and on that was the tree of life, bearing twelve manner of fruits, yielding its fruit every month: and the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations. And there shall be no curse any more: and the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be therein: and his servants shall serve him; and they shall see his face; and his name shall be on their foreheads. And there shall be night no more; and they need no light of lamp, neither light of sun; for the Lord God shall give them light: and they shall reign for ever and ever. And he said unto me, These words are faithful and true: and the Lord, the God of the spirits of the prophets, sent his angels to show unto his servants the things which must shortly come to pass. (ASV)

Most of this was dealt when we talked about the tree of Life. So we will look at the phrase no curse any more.

This earth was curse with everything in it when Adam and Eve fell into sin .

(Genesis 3:17) And unto Adam he said, Because thou hast hearkened unto the voice of thy wife, and hast eaten of the tree, of which I commanded thee, saying, Thou shalt not eat of it: cursed is the ground for thy sake; in toil shalt thou eat of it all the days of thy life; (ASV)

And in the New Heavens and New Earth there will be no more curse . And because of that curse there is a desire in all God's children to come into this New Heavens and New Earth where the curse is nomore.

(Romans 8:22-23) For we know that the whole creation groans and labors with birth pangs together until now. Not only that, but we also who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, eagerly waiting for the adoption, the redemption of our body. (NKJV)

With the following words I desire to end :

(Revelation 22:20) He who testifies to these things says, "Surely I am coming quickly." Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus! (NKJV)